

BOARD COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AND COURT RELATIONS CHARTER

(Amended by the Board of Governors, August 26, 2000)

§1. Committee on Administration of Justice

The Committee on Administration of Justice is composed of thirty-six (36) members appointed by the Board of Governors. It is a diverse group of attorneys concerned with aspects of civil procedure, court rules and administration, rules of evidence, and other matters having an impact on the administration of justice in the civil courts. The charge of the committee is as follows:

- a. Analyze, report to the Board of Governors and comment as authorized by the Board of Governors on proposed court rules, legislation and other proposals affecting the committee's subject area.
- b. Draft proposals relating to its area of concern for consideration by the Board of Governors.
- c. Perform such other functions relevant to the committee's subject area as the Board of Governors may from time to time assign.

(Source: Board of Governors' Resolutions, July 1992 and August 2000.)

§2. Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is composed of twenty-one (21) persons appointed by the Board of Governors. Its membership consists of a diverse group of attorneys and public members with expertise or an interest in ADR, including ADR neutrals, consumers of ADR services and those who reflect the experience and expertise of State Bar sections. The charge of the committee is as follows:

- a. Analyze, report to the Board of Governors and comment as authorized by the Board of Governors on proposed court rules, legislation and other proposals affecting the committee's subject area.
- b. Draft proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution for consideration by the Board of Governors.
- c. Identify issues concerning the relationship of ADR to the practice of law, the administration of justice and improving access to justice.
- d. Plan and administer educational programs relating to alternative dispute

- resolution.
- e. Encourage attorneys involved in alternative dispute resolution to become active participants in the State Bar.
- f. Perform such other functions relevant to the committee's subject area as the Board of Governors may from time to time assign.

(Source: Board of Governors' Resolutions, May 1997, July 1997 and August 2000.)

§3. Committee on Appellate Courts

The Committee on Appellate Courts is composed of sixteen (16) attorneys appointed by the Board of Governors. Its members are drawn from such diverse sources as law firms, solo practitioners, defense and prosecution offices handling criminal appeals, appellate court research staff, and law school faculty. The subject area of the committee concerns appellate court operation and appellate practice. In furtherance of the administration of justice, the charge of the committee is as follows:

- a. Analyze, report to the Board of Governors and comment as authorized by the Board of Governors on proposed court rules, legislation and other proposals affecting the committee's subject area.
- b. Draft proposals relating to its area of concern for consideration by the Board of Governors.
- c. Plan and administer educational programs designed to foster improvement in appellate practice and awareness of issues affecting the committee's subject area.
- d. Perform such other functions relevant to the committee's subject area as the Board of Governors may from time to time assign.

(Source: Board of Governors' Resolutions, July 1992 and August 2000.)

§4. Committee on Federal Courts

The Committee on Federal Courts is composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Board of Governors. A representative of the Circuit Executive of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit participates ex officio. The charge of the committee is as follows:

- a. Generally enhance the lines of communication between the Federal Bench in California and the State Bar, including the attorney discipline system.
- b. Bring to the attention of the Federal Bench in California, State Bar issues that have an impact on Federal Court practice in California.
- c. Make the State Bar Board aware of Federal Court issues that may have an impact on the State Bar.

- d. Review and make recommendations on proposals that affect California Federal Court practice and the Federal Courts in California.
- e. Make recommendations to improve legal services in California's Federal Courts.
- f. Organize and sponsor educational programs on Federal Court practice.
- g. Perform such other functions relevant to the committee's subject area as the Board of Governors may from time to time assign.

(Source: Board of Governors' Resolutions, November 1984, July 1992 and August _____ 2000.)